



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
Giorgio Agostini, et al.
For: MASTERBATCH OF
FUNCTIONALIZED CARBON BLACK
AND ELASTOMER(S) AND ARTICLES
WITH COMPONENT(S) THEREOF,
INCLUDING TIRES
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated March 26, 2003, Paper No. 6, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.

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